

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 and 20-22 were pending in the application. Claims 3-12 and 20-22 have been cancelled, without prejudice. Claims 13-19 and 23-28 have been cancelled as being directed to a non-elected invention. New claim 29 has been added. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the same or similar claims in the instant or in a subsequent patent application. Accordingly, claims 1, 2 and 23 are currently pending.

Support for the new claims and the amendments to the claims can be found throughout the specification including the claims as originally filed.

No new matter has been added. Amendments to the claims should in no way be construed as an acquiescence to any of the Examiner's rejections and was done solely to expedite the prosecution of the application. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the claims as originally filed in this or a separate application(s).

Acknowledgement of the Examiner's Indication of Claims 1 and 2 as Allowable

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication of claims 1 and 2 as allowable, as set forth in the Office Action dated April 22, 2003. Applicants have amended claim 1 by separating the two subsections of the claim into two independent claims, e.g., pending claims 1 and 29.

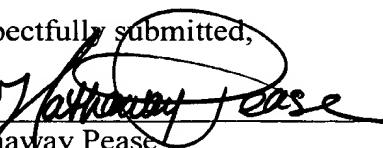
CONCLUSION

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

Applicants believe no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 12-0080, under Order No. TUI-001CP from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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